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PRESS RELEASE

State Superintendent Linda McCulloch announces the release of applications for 21st Century AfterSchool Grants on March 14, 2008. This will be a competitive grant process open to schools and community based organizations partnering with a school or school district. Eligibility for a 21st CCLC grant is determined when **40 percent of the students from an applicant or partnering school receive free or reduced price meals.** Information about the application process may be found at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/21Cent/index.html>

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers provide opportunities for academic enrichment during non-school hours (before-school, after-school and summer) in a community learning center environment. Services reinforce and complement regular academic programs and offer literacy and educational development to families. Awards must be for \$50,000 or more and are 5 years in duration.

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